

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 has been amended as follows:

The method proposed here is suitable, in particular, for simulating scattering problems, in which the geometrical structures of the models, and therefore the dimensions of the subregions as well, are smaller than the wavelength. Under such conditions, the interference effects remain limited, so that just a few multipole coefficients are enough to describe potentials or field strengths. With the stabilization method described here, the method is ~~table~~ stable even for low frequencies.